

Southwest Biological Science Center Weekly Highlights

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USGS SCEP Researcher Teaches Amphibian and Reptile Biology Class: Southwest Biological Science Center SCEP student Erika Nowak taught a special class on amphibian and reptile biology and conservation on November 1 at Yavapai Community College, Cottonwood, Arizona. Nowak was invited by community college instructor Deena Greenwood to teach one class of introductory biology. The class covered basic biology of the taxa groups, illustrated with images and examples from Nowak's research experiences with herpetofauna across the US. As requested, the class also covered venomous reptile bite and how to co-exist with venomous reptiles. Erika.Nowak, Flagstaff, AZ, 928-556-7462.

John Hamill is new Chief of the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center: On Monday, November 14, John F. Hamill joined the Southwest Biological Science Center (SBSC) as the new Chief of the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (GCMRC). The GCMRC is the high profile science arm of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program of the Department of Interior, one of the world's largest and most active adaptive management programs. John comes to these new duties from the Department of Interior where he served as the senior technical staff advisor to the California Desert Managers Group in Barstow, CA. Prior to that assignment he worked for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where he headed up the Upper Colorado River Basin Fish Recovery Plan team. We are pleased to welcome such an experienced and accomplished person to the SBSC staff. Dennis Fenn, Flagstaff, AZ, 928-556-7094.